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# SOME TEXAS STATISTICS

BY JUDGE NORMAN G. KITTRELL.

**H**ENRY T. BUCKLE, the gifted author of the "History of Civilization," said that the only safe, reliable and accurate way to test the growth and progress of a people or nation was by statistics. And it is equally true that in no way can an intelligent man—the character of man whose citizenship is desired—more accurately and satisfactorily arrive at a conclusion as to the desirability of a state as a place to settle and make his home, than by a glance at the growth of the state in population and wealth, and means of transportation, as revealed by official statistics. Give these to an intelligent, thoughtful man, and he will draw his own conclusions accurately. There are, of course, many people who have to be told how much corn and cotton and cane and wheat and oats can be raised, how many cattle a man can graze, and all such details, but that higher class of immigrants and investors, so much desired, know all about the great variety of products raised in Texas, and with a few leading statistics they can arrive at all they want to know.

As it was in ancient days, so it is now—men do not gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles, and people do not pour into a barren and desert land by millions, nor raise a crop that clothes a third of the world on an arid soil, nor find in a poor and uncivilized land free education for the present and all future generations. These things cannot be found elsewhere than in a land possessing every physical element and attraction necessary to growth and prosperity.

The following summarized statistics are worth volumes of description and painting:

Area of Texas, 265,780 square miles. Larger by 17,660 square miles than New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa combined. Larger than France or the German empire.

Population in 1870, 815,000; in 1905, 3,500,000.

## TAXABLE VALUES.

In 1870.....	\$ 170,000,000
In 1905.....	1,200,000,000

## RAILROADS.

In 1870.....	711 miles
In 1905.....	12,000 miles

Largest mileage of any state in the Union.

## COTTON PRODUCTION.

In 1870.....	about 520,000 bales
In 1905.....	3,020,000 bales

One-third the crop of the United States and one-quarter of the crop of the world.

## RICE CROP.

In 1870.....	None
In 1895.....	27,000 bushels
In 1905.....	7,000,000 bushels

School fund, permanent, amounts now to over \$46,000,000, absolutely assuring a free education to children of this and all future generations.

With only one-fifteenth of her arable land in cultivation, Texas has produced in one year one-twelfth in value of the entire farm products of the United States.

These figures tell a story of growth and prosperity absolutely without parallel in the history of human progress and development. The man who from them cannot learn that Texas is a land of fertile soil, genial climate and capable of producing a variety of products, has not intelligence enough to make his settlement as a citizen desirable. The day when people must be begged to come to Texas has passed. Those that truthful statistics and plain facts do not bring are not wanted.

## A SPECULATOR, OF COURSE.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in an address to a delegation of farmers, won hearty applause with the following observation:

"I overheard a dialogue between two well dressed men at lunch the other day.

"The first man, as he helped himself to asparagus, said:

"By the way, you said Johnson was a farmer, didn't you?"

"Good gracious, no!" returned the other man. 'I said he made his fortune out of wheat. Did you ever hear of a farmer doing that?'"



